



Great Falls Discovery Center

Department of Conservation and Recreation

DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

Wednesday thru Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitor Center Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Special Hours: December 10, 10 a.m.—8 p.m. Closed Christmas Day, 12/25
Daily, November 12 to January 4	STORY WALK®: <i>Thanks to the Animals</i> Enjoy a story, fresh air, and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children’s picture book, <i>Thanks to the Animals</i> , by Allen Sockabasin. For young readers ages 6-8 and anyone grateful for wildlife, family, and story-telling. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route. A wonderful story awaits! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.
Daily, December 2—January 2	GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: JUNIOR DUCK STAMPS CONNECTING YOUTH WITH NATURE THROUGH SCIENCE AND ART Young students from Kindergarten to High School submit artwork for a statewide art contest. In the process, they gain awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. Come see the top Massachusetts youth entries for the 2021 Junior Duck Stamp competition!
Daily, December 2—January 2	QUACK! QUACK! A SELF-GUIDED INVESTIGATION STATION See the 2021 Junior Duck Stamp exhibit and then enjoy scavenger hunts, quizzes, and crafts in the Great Hall at a self-guided investigation station all about ducks. A variety of activities for different ages will be available. Grab an activity to go or practice social distancing at one of the craft tables.
Fridays, December 3 and December 17	KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR 12/3: Ducks; 12/17: Deer; 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall Courtyard or Great Hall For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Whenever possible, activities will be outdoors, meeting in the Great Hall courtyard. In case of bad weather, activities will be in the Great Hall, with social distancing. No shared materials/items. Siblings and friends welcome.

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coming events

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Saturday
December 4

VISIONING B.E.A.R CIRCLE PRESENTS: TRANSFORMING THE CULTURE OF POWER

Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Great Hall

Come to a day-long event featuring a Walking in Balance with All Our Relations Circle, drumming, dancing, and storytelling. In support of the non-profit Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition, the event includes a silent auction, craft sales, raffle prizes, food, and drinks.

Friday
December 10

IT'S A WONDERFUL NIGHT IN TURNERS FALLS ... FOR THE BIRDS!

Friday, December 10th, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Welcome Desk

Let's help our winter birds. Meet at the Welcome Desk anytime from 4-8 p.m. to get your supplies to make a pinecone bird feeder for our avian neighbors as part of *It's a Wonderful Night in Turners Falls* —a town-wide RiverCulture event. Your bird feeder craft bag will include instructions and information on which birds might visit your feeder and what like to eat. For all ages.

Saturday
January 1

COMING SOON: FIRST DAY HIKE

Saturday, January 1, 2022, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Main Entrance

Enjoy a leisurely three-mile stroll down the Canalside Rail Trail and get the New Year started off on a Great Falls note. This family friendly hike follows a gentle route and provides an opportunity to discover the abundant natural, historical, and cultural features that make the Center and rail trail such an amazing State Park! Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear winter boots. Dogs are welcome on leash. Meet at 1 p.m. outside the main entrance of the Great Falls Discovery Center. Hike begins at 1:15 p.m.

